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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

FROM:

Dave Gries [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

Items for Gates Cable

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SSCI Membership: Dole has allegedly told Kassebaum that she will not fill the vacant Republican seat on SSCI, since it has been promised to Wallop. There is no good information on who will fill Democratic seats being vacated by Eagleton and Leahy, though Pell and Glenn are often mentioned.

HPSCI Staff Changes: Steve Berry, Minority Counsel, is leaving to become Minority Staff Director at House Foreign Affairs. Dave Addington [REDACTED] is going with him as Minority Counsel. Berry will be replaced by Tom Smeeton, currently the number two man at HFAC [REDACTED]. Smeeton is close to Henry Hyde, who is expected to become the Ranking Minority Member on HPSCI. We have a long and friendly working relationship with Smeeton. Changes on the majority side, if any, must await appointment of a new chairman, presumably Lou Stokes.

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Drug Legislation: The effort succeeded to delete a Senate provision which would have tasked the DCI to conduct collection and analysis against certain narcotics-producing countries and to make anti-narcotics efforts a "level-one" priority in the National Intelligence Strategy. Remaining language on intelligence in the Drug bill is harmless.

FOIA Relief for FBI: In another part of the drug bill, there is a provision exempting from FOIA those records of the FBI that pertain to foreign intelligence, counterintelligence or counterterrorism to the extent that the existence of such records is classified.

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